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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ABDERRAZAK AYOUB AND OTHER ARRESTED
UGTT OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 096326

1. ON OR ABOUT MARCH 22, 1978 AYOUB TRANSFERRED FROM JURISDICTION MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. CHARGED, ALONG WITH MOST UGTT OFFICIALS, WITH "ATTEMPT AGAINST SECURITY OF THE STATE." TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN MID-MAY. GOT HAS MADE REPEATED ASSURANCES THAT INDICTED PRISONERS WILL RECEIVE FAIR AND OPEN TRIALS WITH FULL ACCESS ALLOWED TO LEGAL COUNSEL. REPORTEDLY FOREIGN OBSERVERS AND LEGAL ADVISERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND, INCLUDING THOSE SENT BY VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS (ICFTU AND ICATU AMONG OTHER). EMBASSY ACQUAINTED WITH SEVERAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS FOR THESE TRIALS; SOME OF THEM ENJOY HIGH LOCAL REPUTATIONS AND ARE ALSO ACTIVE IN TUNISIAN LEAGUE FOR RIGHTS OF MAN.
 2. GENERALLY RELIABLE SOURCE CLOSE TO FORMER UGTT LEADERSHIP TOLD EMBASSY RECENTLY THAT AT TIME OF FORMAL ARRAIGNMENT ABDERRAZAK APPEARED "PSYCHOLOGICALLY DISORIENTED."
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ACCORDING TO SOURCE, JUDGE ADVISED AYOUB TO DELAY APPEARANCE DUE HIS CONDITION, BUT LATTER REFUSED. SOURCE SAID HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION SEEMED POOR RELATIVE TO THAT OF OTHER PRISONERS. SAME SOURCE HAS TOLD EMBASSY ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS THAT NO MEMBER OF THE THIRTEEN-MAN MAN ELECTED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (HIGHEST LEVEL OF UGTT LEADERSHIP) HAD BEEN PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY MISTREATED

WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INFORMATION
AS TO TREATMENT RECEIVED BY AYOUB (WHO WAS NOT ON THIS
COUNCIL).
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